

Claims 1-6, 14-19 and 27-32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Emens et al. U.S. Patent No. 6,591,279 ("Emens").

Claims 7-13, 20-26 and 33-39 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Emens in view of Vaithilingam et al. U.S. Patent No. 6,411,724 ("Vaithilingam").

The Examiner's rejections are respectfully traversed.

Applicants' claimed invention, as defined by independent claims 1, 14 and 27, is directed to a method and systems for providing remote access to captured content. Using a capture device, content regarding an event (e.g., detected by a sensor) is captured and transmitted to a remote computer, where the content is published to a user account associated with the content. A user may access the published content using a user access device.

The Emens system refers to a computer-based notification system. A user may define an event notification profile such that, when a sensor receives an indication that corresponds to those of the notification profile, a notification, including a digital image of the event, is sent to the user in an email.

The Examiner contends that Emens discloses applicants' invention as claimed in independent claims 1, 14 and 27. In particular, the Examiner contends that Emens teaches "automatically publishing the content on a remote server (col. 2, ll. 47-58, the content would be made available to the user via the internet)" (Office Action, §§ 4, 10 and 16). Applicants respectfully disagree.

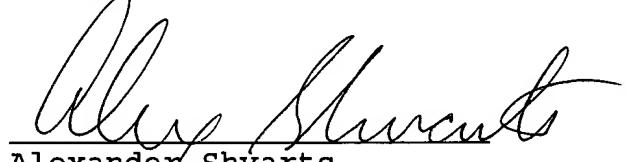
Contrary to the Examiner's contentions, Emens refers to sending (i.e., via email) content for an event captured by a sensor directly to a user. Emens fails to show or suggest anything related to publishing captured content for an event on a remote server as recited by applicants' independent claims 1, 14, and 27. Emens relies only on "push" technology to provide to the user content for an event captured by a sensor (Emens, col. 2, line. 39). Push technology refers to sending data to a user without the user requesting it (see, e.g., <http://www.webopedia.com/TERM/p/push.html>). The system of Emens does not provide the capability for the user to access content for an event captured by a sensor that has been published on, for example, a Web page. This would involve requesting the content. This shortcoming of Emens inherently extends to publication on any type of remote server.

Independent claims 1, 14 and 27 are therefore in condition for allowance. Claims 2-6, 15-19 and 28-32, which depend from respective independent claims 1, 14 and 27, are also in condition for allowance.

Claims 7-13, 20-26 and 33-39 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Emens in view of Vaithilingam. Applicants respectfully submit that because these claims depend from claims 1, 14, and 27, they are allowable for at least those reasons discussed above.

In view of the forgoing, applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

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